

shall take over all such prisoners under and pursuant to the provisions of this act on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one; and all authority vested by law in any board of county commissioners, any county highway commission, any district highway commission, or any other board or commission as to such prisoners, shall pass to and vest in the State Highway Commission. The county authorities having custody of such prisoners shall, upon forms provided by the State Highway Commission, make a complete list of all such prisoners in custody July first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, giving their names, terms of imprisonment, date of commitment, and expiration of terms, together with records of such prisoners, and such other and further information as may be required by the State Highway Commission, and deliver the same, together with the original commitments, to the State Highway Commission, or its duly authorized agents, on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one. And the State Highway Commission or its duly authorized agents shall, upon such delivery, execute proper receipts to the county authority for such documents and the prisoners delivered as herein provided for. From and after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, the various judges and courts of this State, in lieu of assigning persons convicted of violating any of the criminal laws of the State to work upon any county roads under the control of any board of commissioners or any highway commission, shall assign such person so convicted to work upon the roads of the State under the control of the State Highway Commission pursuant to the provisions of this act, and all such laws, public, public-local, or private, heretofore enacted, authorizing the various judges and courts of the State to assign persons convicted to work upon the public roads are hereby amended so as to conform to the provisions of this act, to the end that such persons so convicted shall be assigned to the various prison camps by this act established, to work upon the public roads pursuant to the provisions of this act. But this act shall not be deemed or considered as authorizing any person sentenced under the provisions thereof to have been sentenced to the State Prison, or State Penitentiary, but such person so sentenced shall be deemed to have been sentenced under the provisions either of this act or of such public, public-local, or private acts heretofore enacted authorizing the various judges and courts of the State to sentence persons convicted of crime to work upon the public roads: *Provided*, that any county, city or town now operating, or that may hereafter operate a farm by convict labor may retain a sufficient number of prisoners for the

Census of prisoners to be taken.

Execution by Commission of receipts for prisoners.

Assignment of persons convicted in courts and sentenced to work under direction of State Highway Commission.

Felons excepted.

Local prison farms protected.